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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Public Safety Committee
Meeting of May 21, 2003**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee Chairman Joe Winkelmann called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. Introduction of Participants

Present were:

- Mr. Joe Winkelmann, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Philip Myer, Chief, Fauquier County Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Anthony Hooper, Assistant County Administrator
- Ms. Lindsay Walker, VDOT
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT
- Mr. Bill Dugan, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff Joseph Higgs, Jr.
- Mr. Butch Flippo, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Brett Hamby, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Blake Gallagher, Fire and Rescue Association
- Ms. Sue Powles, Director, WFJCC
- Mr. Tom Marable, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Charles Shepherd, Health Department
- Ms. Meredith Evans
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Public Safety Committee Lead Staff

3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Mr. Winkelmann moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of April 16, 2003. Adopted.

4. LOSAP Resolution

Mr. Winkelmann moved for the amendment of the contract of the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association's Length of Service Program to establish a liability payoff date of approximately 2012. The Fire and Rescue Association voted to initiate this amendment in their FY03 budget by reducing the appropriation to the LOSAP funding by 50%. The other 50% was appropriated to the CIP fund. Adopted.

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5. Approval of Defibrillator Proposal

Chief Myer conducted a short presentation about this program and requested endorsement of future grants to acquire the cardiac defibrillators. So endorsed: Mr. Winkelmann.

6. Tasking Assignments

a. Road Closure Procedures

The VDOT representatives indicated that road closures were now accessible to the public via the VDOT web site. Ms. Heritage also indicated that Mr. Cubbage had initiated an email tree for county staff and officials for this purpose. Sheriff Higgs agreed to work with VDOT to write up what the current practices are for the next meeting.

b. Fuel Spill Clean Up Ordinance

Chief Myer indicated that he was working on this with Assistant County Attorney Kevin Burke and hoped to have it drafted by next meeting.

7. Tri-County Cooperative Detention Center

Sheriff Higgs indicated that there would be a meeting between legislators and the Department of Juvenile Justice the following week to determine if the Mitchellsville facility will continue to be funded next year. In the meantime, this project remains “on the back burner” for Fauquier. The Sheriff indicated that 50 beds continue to be maintained at the CFFW Regional Jail.

8. 800 MHz Radio System

Mr. Hooper indicated that implementation is moving forward and that tower sites are still being researched. Mr. Winkelmann requested Mr. Hooper to prepare a “15-year projection ledger-style spreadsheet” for the next meeting on June 18, 2003.

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9. Progress on Goals and Objectives for CY2003

- **Radio System:** Mr. Hooper indicated that there was a recent meeting on the paging system to ensure that all parties were on board. He indicated that coverage and building penetration capacity was much improved. Outside grants for additional equipment are being actively sought. Bids are going forward on the towers.
- **Emergency Operations Plan:** Chief Myer indicated that the Board of Supervisors did adopt an EOP in April. He indicated that he has contacted with a consultant group for further planning. First priority is a planned response to the FAA Center. Chief Myer will be meeting monthly with the consultant to develop a complete plan for all contingencies. He indicated that he had just received an additional \$10,000 in federal funding to assist with continued emergency planning.

The Sheriff indicated that since the Nation is on Code Orange Terror alert, all deputies' leave has been cancelled and they are subject to 12-hour recall. He indicated that in the event of a Code Red, all public buildings would be barricaded.

- **Homeland Security Planning:** Mr. Shepherd indicated that a subcommittee on Homeland Security has been formed. He indicated that their first priority was to see if Fauquier's Emergency Operations Plan and the mandated federal Homeland Security Plan "dove-tailed" well. The subcommittee found that indeed they did. Mr. Shepherd indicated that there is a three-tiered smallpox vaccination plan and that he is waiting for the Center for Disease Control to allow localities to go to the second tier. With regard to SARS, hospitals have had immediate accessibility to each other since 9/11 via radio and internet. With regard to West Nile Virus, Fauquier has hired a West Nile coordinator (Chuck Hoysa), who has already begun conducting public education on this topic.
- **Regional Evacuation Plan:** Sheriff Higgs indicated that Captain Greg Mauck would contact the Tidewater area to request a copy of their plan as a "starting point" and will have it available at the June meeting.
- **Detention Facilities Planning:** Sheriff Higgs indicated that the architect's review of renovations at the existing jail was underway and that costs were budgeted at \$1.4 million.
- **Fire and Rescue Comprehensive Plan:** Chief Myer indicated that he had a college intern working with him on this as well as several members of the Fire and Rescue Association.

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Progress on Goals and Objectives for CY2003--Continued

- **Southern Public Safety Workstation:** The Sheriff indicated that there had been no new developments on this project as of this meeting.
- **Department of Fire and Emergency Services Space Needs:** Chief Myer indicated that he hoped that this would be addressed in the Fire and Rescue Comprehensive Plan which is currently being developed.
- **Frytown Water Implementation Plan:** Mr. Winkelmann indicated that there had been no new developments on this project.

10. Roundtable

Mr. Winkelmann commended both Sheriff Higgs and Chief Myer for their efforts during the response to the New Baltimore explosion the previous day.

General discussion ensued about the recent “false alarm” from the county siren and how much disturbance and angst had been created among the citizenry and at the Joint Communications Center. Mr. Winkelmann requested that Ms. Powles provide a copy of the standard operating procedure related to the siren to the next meeting.

11. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Mr. Winkelmann called for adjournment.
Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this second day of June, 2003

Catherine M. Heritage, Director of Adult Court Services
Lead Staff, Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee